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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes, Mr. President. Sometimes Senator Chambers, I think, may give me more credit than I deserve. I wasn't fishing this morning when I was discussing this matter with Senator Maresh and I'm not fishing now but I wonder if Senator Maresh would yield to another question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, will you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes I will.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I may be, I may appear to be pursuing you over vigorously Senator Maresh, but it's because we disagree so infrequently that I would hope that we could come to some agreement on this bill and I think that I may have an amendment that will satisfy you. If I understand you correctly, you don't, you do feel that fluoridation would be for the benefit of, of the population of the State of Nebraska, is that correct?

SENATOR MARESH: For those regions that don't have fluoride, I think it would help, right.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Certainly. You don't have any argument with the principle of fluoridation, you do think as a--

SENATOR MARESH: Well, there are certain --

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: --as a medical practice certainly the medical judgments that have been expressed on this are adequate to your mind, aren't they?

SENATOR MARESH: Well, I heard from people that wrote to me and said that their doctor said they should not have fluoride because they're allergic to fluoride.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes, but generally you think that this bill would benefit the people?

SENATOR MARESH: For those that can--

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: You said that in response to Senator Chambers I think.

SENATOR MARESH: For those that can tolerate I, I think it would be alright.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay. Your basic objection is that local populations should have some control over it.

SENATOR MARESH: Right.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Now on LB 173 which was a bill that actually in effect, imposes a, a medical injection on the children of the State of Nebraska with the exception of the fact that when their parents would express an objection, they would not have to take that so it would seem to me that if we added an amendment to this bill which stated that no citizen of the State of Nebraska shall be required to ingest fluoridated water, that that would remove that objection. Would you concede to that?

SENATOR MARESH: I don't see how you would--what good that would do because at the present time they have the option to buy distilled water I imagine.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well then, what is the difference between this situation and the situation of 173--if we're not requiring each